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Spring Break Blues

Michelle Jacques



As a low-income, single mom, every year at tax time I get a hefty return; and every year it goes to pay bills and past due accounts. Not this year. This year I decided to take my kids on their first ever family vacation. Destination: Orlando, Florida. Because my kids aren't really into Disney characters, we planned our trip around Universal Studios, Sea World, and the new water park, Aquatica. I booked the trip through Travelocity. I chose a cheaper hotel knowing we wouldn't be spending much time in our room. I wanted to have more money to spend on the vacation. Booked in February, spring vacation seemed an eternity away but finally, the day came. We packed our bags and headed for KCI. I parked at the Parking Spot because I had a coupon. I do not recommend this place to anyone. My mother has used it several times without a problem. So I figured it must be okay. When we arrived, the lot was full and I had to valet park; meaning I had to leave my key under the wiper for someone to park it later. I was skeptical, but had to catch a flight. Upon my return, to my horror, there were broken beer bottle pieces on the inside of my car and the actual bottle on the ground under my car. I later noticed a huge dent in the side under the door. My gas gauge was significantly lower than when I had left it, and the alignment was off. They accept no liability so I was just out of luck; and after the vacation we had just had, I was just so tired of being mad that I thought, "Whatever." We arrived in sunny Orlando on Thursday afternoon, rented our car, and went directly to the hotel—Days Inn on North International Drive across from Wet-n-Wild. The room was not great, but it was decent. We decided to head to the pool. The water was so cold, the kids couldn't swim. So, we decided to check out the game room.

First choice, air hockey. To our dismay, when we put in the money, no puck came out. We took a shot at the pinball game. One of the levers was stuck on that game. Another game we tried also didn't work. By this time I was not

happy, but decided it was all right because we'd be spending the next 5 days at various attractions and wouldn't have time to swim or play games. We headed back to our room to watch some TV. Everyone was thirsty so I headed to the soda and ice machines. The ice machine was out of ice, strike three for this hotel. The first pop machine wouldn't take my dollar so I went back to the room for some change. Then the pop machine took my change and gave me no soda. So I tried the next pop machine. It was unplugged. So at last, I tried the final pop machine. It ate my money too and gave me no pop. I was so furious by this time that I called Travelocity and cancelled the rest of my stay there. I would have to wait up to two weeks for my refund. I booked another hotel, this time a

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Super 8. The rooms looked clean on their Website and they claimed to take pride in the cleanliness of their hotel. I booked it for another \$324, taking away from our vacation fund.

The next evening when we were done at Universal's Islands of Adventure, we headed to our new hotel, anticipating a better evening than the previous one. I picked up the room phone to call the front desk and a tiny cockroach crawled onto the table. I killed it without thinking twice. We unpacked our things and went to dinner. When we returned, my son lay down in one of the beds. A few moments later, he was smacking himself saying there was a bug on him. It was another cockroach. I was disgusted. I picked up my purse to get my phone and two roaches crawled out from under it. I screamed this time and jumped back. I went to the front office to tell them my room was infested with cockroaches. I was told the hotel was booked but my children and I could sleep in the lobby. Were they serious? Unbelievable! I went back to my room and again picked up my purse to call Travelocity to change rooms. Three more roaches. This place was swarming with cockroaches! I shook out our stuff, packed our bags, loaded the car, and went in to make an online reservation through hotels.com, 20 minutes north of Orlando. Another

\$250 gone. Now we were completely out of money and stuck in Orlando. I was wondering how I was going to feed my kids at this point. I transferred all I had from savings, only \$200 into my checking account and called my mom for a loan. With that I was still able to get us into Sea World and Aquatica, and we were able to eat at fast food restaurants like Burger King and McDonald's. The next day I spent on the phone going back and forth with Travelocity and Super 8. Super 8 did not want to accept any calls about refunding my money and by the fourth time Travelocity called them, they began hanging up on the representative. I had to finally go to the hotel myself and talk to the owner. He acted like nothing was wrong and tried to tell me it had already been taken care of. He was lying. I called Travelocity right then and there. Nothing had been done. I put him on the phone with them to authorize my refund. He actually charged me for the hour that we spent killing cockroaches in that room! But he lied to me and told me the reason the refund receipt I signed showed a lower amount that what I paid was because Travelocity had charged me a fee and I would have to go through them to get that portion back. Of course, this was untrue, and I still have not recovered that \$80. I can't believe they charge people \$80 to kill cockroaches for an hour. I thought I was booking a hotel—my mistake. We had a great time at Universal Studios and Universal Islands of Adventure. Aquatica was as amazing as the ads made it sound. The rental car was nice and the third hotel was awesome. Sea World was not very impressive. If you enjoy standing in line for three hours to feed a fish to a dolphin, then this is the place for you. The Shamu Rocks show was spectacular, but not worth the price of admission to Sea World. My advice: If you go to Sea World, book the VIP tour to make sure you get to do everything you want to do. Aside from finding my car in the shape it was in upon my return, I was glad to be home. I won't say I will not visit Florida again, but I won't use Travelocity and I will pay more next time for a nicer hotel. Also, I might just bring a little more money and anticipate problems. I suggest anyone do the same when traveling somewhere and avoid staying at a hotel they have not inspected yet.

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The Bold & the Beautiful

Michelle Michalski

You won't miss the new trends this year...bright colors and bold prints are larger than ever! This spring's fashion is heading back to the 70's. It seems like the world of fashion keeps going in circles. This past fall we took a trip back to the 80's and now we're ready for the free spirited Retro look. Maybe it's the war we are in right now that inspired the reincarnation of the peace sign. What you can bet on though, is to see Peace everywhere, and don't be



afraid to sport the message.

High-waisted pants, skirts, and shorts are being paired up with fedora hats and strappy sandals. Such Celebs like Lindsey Lohan and Jessica Alba have been spotted showing off this re-invented look. Trench coats that are form fitting with built in frilly skirts, in. One piece swim suits with cut out fronts, sides, or backs will be seen hitting the beaches this summer!

If you haven't heard of the term Color-Blocking you better familiarize yourself with it soon! Start with pairing up a royal purple skirt with a light blue top, creating big splices and chunks of color to create the Retro look. Look for big prints, flower patterns on everything! From tops to purses, even shoes! Designers such as Betsey Johnson, Marc Jacobs, Dolce and Gabana, and Guess are already showing these looks off in their new fashion lines. Big Vivid colors, yellows, oranges, pinks, and even lime green are going to be sizzlin' hot this summer.

Cute new summer dresses that remind you of hippies in the 70's spreading the message of free love, while sitting at the park on a warm afternoon. All of this considered, this spring and summer should be very inventive and vintage. Don't be shy, have fun, and learn to express yourself. Remember this spring...just go Bold!

Summer Safety Tips

SAFETY TIPS

Always Be With A Buddy. (An Old, But Still Very Good Tip!)

Ladies, If You Are One Of The Thousands Of Women Who Put Their Purse In The Trunk Of Your Car, Don't Be Obvious About It. Do It Before You Leave, Or Just Leave It At Home!

Lock Your Car As Soon As You Get In It! If You Handle Your Keys Or Bags This Is A Prime Time For An Attacker To Pounce!

If You Are Worried About A Friend Getting Home, Have Them Call Or Text You When They Arrive. This Way, Everyone Is Safe And Calm.

Be Smart! Don't Be Obvious When You Do Things. If You Want Attention...You Got It. An Attacker Or Thief Just Put A Big Bulls Eye On You!

CheyAnn Volkman



Summer is almost here, and most of us can't wait to get out and do something! Here at the Talon, we care about your safety and want to see you back next year. We have compiled some of the safety tips from people around campus and brought them all to you. Here are the top 5 tips to staying safe this summer:

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This is a great opportunity for any individual who wants to be a life-long learner. Maybe, the only thing holding his or her interest back is a preview into a course that he or she might want to take next semester. Any individual can use this opportunity to get a little taste of different courses. Entertaining, illuminating teachers who are offering their explanations of subjects for free! This may sound like a shock. Where is the benefit for these programs? Well, there is an entire website dedicated to FREE educational learning ONLINE.

Open Educational Resources ommons is the "first comprehensive open learning network where teachers and professors (from pre-K to graduate school)" are dedicated to bringing knowledge and help into the homes of anybody with internet. From secondary to post-secondary educational courses, this website exists for those not only looking to further explain a subject, but for any individual who wants to use and re-use this resource! Not saying that Avila doesn't have amazing teachers—we do! However, at times, it takes listening to another's perspective in order for his or her true interest to surface. Life is all about learning and challenging knowledge. So, why not challenge against some others all over the globe? Everything from American Government to Notre Dame's Faith and the African American Experience is available at www.oercommons.org. This is a great opportunity, if not for a student at Avila, for any person looking to further his or her knowledge! Spread the word, spread the knowledge! Going green isn't always about recycling paper; it can be about recycling knowledge, as well.



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National World War I Museum

At the National World War I Museum, World War I history comes alive. Their exhibits contain objects and documents ranging from weaponry and uniforms used during the war, to letters and postcards from the field. Each piece contributes to a story. You can also get a great view of KC from the top of the 217-foot Tower built in 1926.

Hours: Tuesday- Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (4:15 p.m. for the Tower) General

Admission: Museum \$8/ Tower \$4/ Combo: \$10 (Free parking)



Negro Leagues Baseball Museum

Founded in 1990, the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum (NLBM) is a privately funded, non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the rich history of African-American Baseball. Experience a tour of multi-media displays, museum stores, and hundreds of photograph artifacts dating from the late 1800s through the 1960s.



American Jazz Museum

The sights and sounds of a uniquely American art form come alive at the American Jazz Museum in the Historic 18th & Vine Jazz District. It includes interactive exhibits and films, educational programs, the Changing Gallery, the Blue Room jazz club and the Gem Theater, a 500-seat performing arts center.

Admission to the American Jazz Museum or the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum

Single: \$6.00 Adults

Combination: \$8.00 Adults

Arabia Steamboat

During your visit you will hear the legendary tale of the loss and discovery of the Steamboat Arabia and it's 200 tons of cargo.

Hours: Monday-Saturday 10 AM- 4:00 PM with tours every thirty minutes.

Sunday 12 PM- 3:30 PM with tours every thirty minutes

Admission: Adults: \$12.50

So, take a chance, pick out your museum, and catch a glimpse of history!

Everyone takes advantage of the summer to relax his or her brain. Although we won't be bombarded with knowledge from our teachers this summer, you can still feed your brain in a fun and educational way. Here are a few museums that you should visit in the Kansas City area. For more information on Kansas City museums, go to www.visitkc.com.



The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art

At The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art there is always something new to discover. Their growing collection has fascinated, illuminated and exhilarated people since 1933. Come spend time with your favorites, see what's new on view, or check out a special exhibition.

Admission: FREE for all visitors. (There may be a charge for special exhibitions.)

Hours: Tues, Wed, Sun, 10 a.m.—5 p.m./ Thurs, Fri, Sat, 10 a.m.—9 p.m.



Kemper Museum

The Kemper Museum boasts a growing permanent collection of modern and contemporary art and presents 10–12 special exhibitions each year.

Hours: Tuesday–Friday, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Admission: Free of charge and open to the general public

Feed Your Brain This Summer



Kayle Walker



Fun in the Sun!

Lindsey White

*Students share their
most exciting summer
vacation*

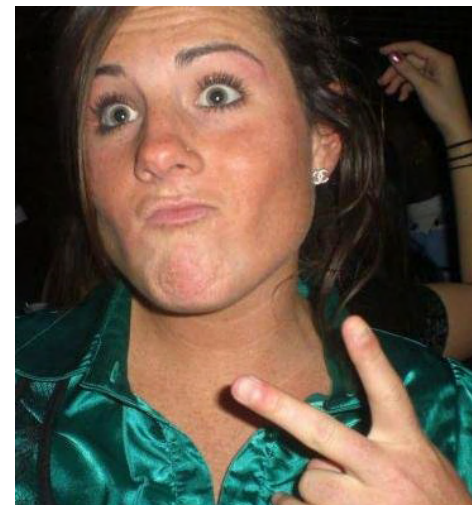
Nick Ward-Bopp

"I traveled to Cesky Krumlov, Czech Republic for 2 months. My two buddies and I stayed in a boathouse on the water that was converted into a hostel. We ended up putting together an 'International Flippie-Cup tournament' with people from Germany, Mexico, Finland, Australia, England, Sweden and Canada. It was the best vacation ever!"



Sam Cornell

"My favorite vacation memory was going to Cozumel with my best friend Adam. We traveled there on a cruise and played volleyball on the beach by the ocean. It was a very surreal moment."



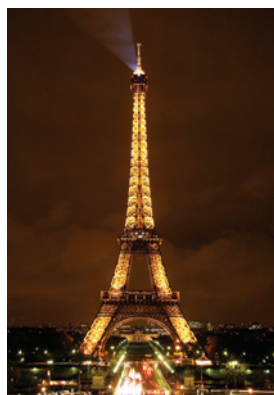
Reed Benson

"In 2001, I traveled to Menden, Germany with a foreign exchange program for a week. The fondest memory I have of the trip is being able to see the movie 'Mummy Returns' in German; it almost made the movie better."



Diane Dornhoffer

"In 2006, I went to Paris with my high school French class. We were there for 10 days. My favorite activity was being able to see the beautiful Eiffel Tower."



Jacqui Drummond

"On my 15th birthday, I went to Costa Rica with my high school Spanish class. It was a very inspirational trip because we were able to go to a school to teach poor children English and color with them."



Justin Lott

"My favorite memory is going to Hawaii for a week and a half with my family. It was awesome being able to go snorkeling and discover all the different types of fish in the ocean."

Most Anicipated Summer Flicks

CharlotteeBishop

Check out this summer's hottest blockbusters



Summer is coming, and you know what that means. No school, fantastic vacations, and of course big summer movies. The theaters are going to be packed, because there are some major franchises continuing this summer. Beyond that, there are new high-octane thrillers coming that are bound to become huge moneymakers in the long run. Want to know what's coming out? Read on.

Batman: The Dark Knight – In possibly the most anticipated movie of the summer, Christian Bale returns as everyone's favorite masked man, this time fighting the Joker (played by the late Heath Ledger). Maggie Gyllenhaal replaces Katie Holmes as the spunky Rachel Dawes, and Michael Caine returns to delight us in his role as Alfred. Batman wasn't expecting a break by any means, but he probably also wasn't expecting another madman to cause mayhem and murder in his town. Ledger's Joker is different from any attempted before – more evil than Jack Nicholson (Batman, 1989) and more maniacal than Cesar Romero (Batman: The TV Series, 1966). Ledger put his own flair into the character, bringing the Joker to life in the scariest way yet. Bale is returning the Dark Knight to his roots, putting the angst and darkness back into the comic book world's most tortured hero. Batman: The Dark Knight is not yet rated, but contains a LOT of violence, creepiness, and some sexuality (probably PG-13). It is due out on July 18th.

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull – No, I'm not kidding. If you haven't heard about this, you've probably been hiding under a rock. Harrison Ford returns as Indiana Jones, fedora hat, and open shirt in place and ready to go. Joining him are such names as Cate Blanchett, John Hurt, and Shia LeBeouf. The plot is so far hard to find, but we can safely assume that this movie will contain plenty of booms, bangs, and laughs. That is, if Ford's up to the stress without breaking a hip. I have faith in him – do you? This film is not yet rated, but will have violence. It is due out on

May 22nd.

Iron Man – It's about time somebody decided to give this unsung hero some glory. Robert Downey Jr. will star as the metal man himself, the genius who built and used the powerful armor that creates the 'Invincible Iron Man'. Gwyneth Paltrow, Samuel L. Jackson, Hilary Swank, and Terrence Howard also star, adding to the appeal of the flick. Downey plays an inventor who is kidnapped and forced to build an invincible weapon. Using his genius, he instead builds a suit of powerful armor and uses it to escape. Soon after, he dons the armor again to save the world. This film is rated PG-13 for violence and brief sexuality. It is due out on May 2nd.

Hellboy 2: The Golden Army – Personally, I'm afraid to watch this movie. Not because of the monsters – because I enjoyed the first one. I'm afraid this one is going to be terrible, because it looks really good. The first one's trailer made it look bad, but it turned out to be awesome. But I digress. Ron Perlman returns as the "kitten-loving hero from Hell", along with Selma Blair and Doug Jones in their respective roles. A ruthless marauder awakens an ancient army of unstoppable creatures, determined to take over the world. Hellboy must use his Hell-given powers (and wise-cracking mouth) to stop them. This film is not yet rated, but contains violence, language, and sexuality. It is due out on July 11th.

Wall-E – Have to throw a kid's movie in here. Full of people we've never heard of and a mute main character, Wall-E is nonetheless a highly anticipated summer movie. Why? Because it looks absolutely adorable. It's about a robot that spends every day doing what he was made to do...for people who abandoned him long ago. After 700 years, he finally meets another robot, which runs away. Wall-E sets off after the other robot, setting a huge adventure into motion. This film is not yet rated, and doesn't seem to contain anything objectionable. It is due out on June 27th.

So there you have it. Are you pumped yet?

Summer Concerts

Sprint Center

Alicia Keys - May 1

Tim McGraw - June 17

Starlight

The Cure – May 19

Poison - July 9

Uptown

Colbie Caillat – May 2

River Market

Buzz under the Stars
featuring Death Cab – May
30

Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre in St. Louis

Radiohead – May 14

Verizon Wireless/ Sandstone

Brooks & Dunn – June
3Mix 93.3's Red, White,
and Boom – June 10

John Mayer – June 19

Warped Tour – July 2

Def Leopard, Styx, and
Foreigner – July 3

311 & Snoop Dogg – July
10 also at the Beaumont
earlier on June 29 with
Matisyahu

Ozz Fest – July 30

Liberty Memorial

Rockfest with Godsmack,
BuckCherry, and
Drowning Pool – June 9

As the academic year comes to a close, we remember that Avila University will—to an extent—remain open. Among the various construction projects on campus, several departments will be here to tie up loose ends of the 2007-2008 Academic Year, prepare for Fall 2008, and help students with their own preparations.

The campus of Avila University will also be offering various summer courses while housing students in Thompson Hall at a rate of \$10.00 per night.

The students are expected to witness a much smaller community, which will not include the normal student organization activities. Although the Upward Bound Program is set to take

place for a month-long part of the summer break, students in the program have not had much interaction with non-program-affiliated Avila students in the past. To consume some of the time between classes, some departments may either have job openings or will be accepting students who worked last summer and during the academic year. Other periods of time may even be used for preparing for next year. “I expect to have a lot of quietness and free time,” says Bernadette Weeks, Third Year Student. “I hope to get a lot of work done, get my floor projects done; likewise, I hope my friends would come over for movie nights. I will miss my fun and crazy roommates over the summer, so I hope to see them as well.” So although the community will be reduced for the summer, remember that Avila University will remain open and active.



Active Summer at Avila

BenKopp



It's that time of year again when everyone is looking for a summer job, or looking for a job for after graduation. Gina Frigault, Director of

significant relevant experience, one page is enough. Target your résumé to the position(s) for which you are applying and you will make it easier for the employer to see whether or not you meet their qualifications.” If

your resume is more than one page, there might be stuff that you can remove. Also remember that each job you are applying for is going to have different job descriptions, so you need to have a different objective, or at least have a very broad objective. Interviewing skills are another thing that students always have questions about. The one thing that Gina says to all her students that come in wanting interview help is “interviewees should not fidget and distract the interviewer.” One thing that the interviewers look for is how comfortable you are in front of them, as well as others. They want to see who you are and how you

can benefit their company, not how they can benefit you. Interviewing means selling ‘you’. Remember to be confident and have positive answers. Even if the question is what do you think is your biggest weakness, throw a positive spin on your answer.

Internships and a job for you in the real world are reachable if you know what you’re doing. There are so many online sources that can help you create the best resume possible as well as give you great interviewing skills. But if you work better with a person teaching you these skills, Avila has a great staff for that. Gina Frigault is one here at Avila that can do just that. If you would like any more information on what Gina and her team does, just go to avila.edu/careers, or go to the career center in Blasco Hall on campus.

Finding the right job all depends on you. Avila has given you the tools. Go out with confidence and grab the goal that is in front of you. It's all up to you now!



Career Development at Avila, said that the number one question she is asked is “How can I get a job?” Most of us are asking that question this time of year. The first thing that you need to remember is that your resume should be up to date and not too long. Gina says, “For new graduates without

significant relevant experience, one page is enough. Target your résumé to the position(s) for which you are applying and you will make it easier for the employer to see whether or not you meet their qualifications.” If your resume is more than one page, there might be stuff that you can remove. Also remember that each job you are applying for is going to have different job descriptions, so you need to have a different objective, or at least have a very broad objective. Interviewing skills are another thing that students always have questions about. The one thing that Gina says to all her students that come in wanting interview help is “interviewees should not fidget and distract the interviewer.” One thing that the interviewers look for is how comfortable you are in front of them, as well as others. They want to see who you are and how you

Entering into the Big World

LaneGoodin

If your family is planning on coming into town for graduation, and you're not sure where to take them, then may this be your guide. For the past few years, Kansas City has been steadily growing into a very unique City of its own, while still holding onto its remarkable past and talents throughout its development. The new Power and Light District Downtown is a great new hotspot. There are countless new restaurants, bars, outdoor and indoor concert venues, and a bowling alley. Take advantage of being in a prime location by strolling through the streets. As the weather gets nicer,

this new district gets busier and livelier. Head out west to the Legends super shopping area, baseball field, race track, or one of their many restaurants including Jimmy Buffet's Cheeseburger in Paradise or the very imaginative T-Rex. Visit the Great Wolf Lodge and enjoy an indoor water park with your stay. Enjoy a well-known Kansas City Tradition by sampling some of the greatest barbeque. Head Downtown for Jack Stack's, Gate's, Arthur Bryant's, or Famous Dave's. There is also a KC Masterpiece close to Avila. Make sure your family doesn't go home without

trying Burnt Ends, Baby Back Ribs, or Hickory Pit Beans. Also Downtown, at the beautiful Union Station, is the Bodies Revealed Exhibit. It features actual human bodies on display, allowing people of all ages to access sights and knowledge that have never been shown before. Adult admission is \$24 while children under twelve cost \$19. There is a lot to do to keep family and friends entertained. They might even want to lengthen their stay to catch all the fun! For more info on what to do you can visit www.visitkc.com.

Places to Visit While in K.C.

MichelleMichalski

Summer is breaking into your schedule! Its plan is to bust you out of the academic chains currently fixated to your time like a hungry leech. For many students this is a time to relax and try to forget about the stress that consumed the eight month time period prior to this new found freedom. Other students might attend summer classes, and for that I applaud you. While on this break let me recommend that you enjoy it but you don't waste it. I know how easy it is to say, "It's summer! Party time." Before you get carried away chillaxin*, let me remind you that a large percentage of college students find internships for summer. It's crazy, I know, got to love overachievers. Truthfully an internship is probably the smartest thing you could do. I hate to admit it but more important than what you know is who knows you know it. Getting your hands dirty in some real world experience will allow you to prove yourself to someone already established in your field of interest. In fact, over fifty percent of people who intern through college have


jobs waiting for them upon graduation. Even more important than what you know and who knows you know it is what you like. Have you ever been super interested in something only to realize once you participate in it, that you hate it. Happens a lot to people after landing their first job out of college. I have many interests but my real passion is napping, in a hammock, on a tropical beach. I would be so perfect for that job! Why? because I've done that job, I'm good at it, and I like it! Choosing a field of study without testing your ability in that field could really hurt you in the long run. So be smart and test that ability through an internship this summer. If you don't know how to find one, you are about to learn. First communicate to the dean of your department that you are in the market for one. They should be able to steer you in the right direction and if not that's okay, the important thing is that you planted the seed. Second, Use the sweet web resource 'google'. You would not believe how many results you will find this way. Search with the city you want


to intern in and the field of study you are pursuing, (ie: kansas city, marketing internships). The third and my personal favorite way is to create your own internship. You would be surprised how easy this is. Just scout out businesses that do what you want to do and talk to them. Many companies that actively seek interns, do so because they have work that needs to be done but no budget to pay anybody to do it. You will get some experience but it is likely that it will not lead to a job because they will continue to rotate interns for that position. When you land a "self made" internship you can create a need for yourself. Get in there and prove that you are an asset. Show them that you have what it takes to increase and improve productivity. When they realize they are better with you than without you, they will try to keep you. Bottom line, internships will get you ahead, and if you want you can find one, so do it. *chillaxin- Word that combines "chillin" and "relaxing". That,s right, the ultimate verb of comfort.

Summer Internships

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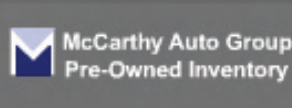



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Here are some tips about things to achieve before you graduate, in the few days before, and during the time after graduating from college.

Before the big graduation day approaches: meet with your advisor and the registrar’s office to make sure you have met all the necessary requirements, and pay all your outstanding fees.

For graduation day itself: don’t drink too much the night before; the ceremony is long and boring enough without being hung-over. Make sure you sit with your friends during the ceremony, have your cell phone with you, and thank your parents.

Here are some things to consider during your four (or eight) years of undergrad education

1. Study abroad.
2. Buy one crazy outfit to give you a self-esteem boost when you need it.
3. Take a road trip.
4. Keep a copy of one of your college essays to show your kids someday.
5. Mail your parents a hand-made card that you actually made.
6. Write a heartfelt letter to your favorite professor.
7. Send your high school buddies a postcard.
8. Call or visit one of your high school teachers to thank them for whatever it is they did that impacted your life.
9. Become involved in your college town. Complete a project that will benefit the community.
10. Show a newcomer around town to the places you and your friends actually like to go.

During the 30 days after graduation: polish your resume, make job hunting your career, figure out your goals, and get your finances together.

Overall tips: make sure to revamp your online social profiles because you don’t want anything on there that you wouldn’t want a potential employer to see; don’t be afraid to make a mistake when trying to find a job or career path; and don’t be afraid to follow your dreams before you enter the workforce because you have the rest of your life to work.

For a recent grad’s reference guide about everything from job hunting to decorating to budgeting, check out “Graduate! Everything You Need to Succeed After College.”

Graduation Tips Advice for Undergraduate Students

DaniAsher



As finals approach, many of us are realizing that studying in your room with your music on, and your roommate chattering isn’t the greatest place to expand your mind. So we have decided to point out some areas that are great for lounging and preparing for finals.

One of the most comfortable places to study is the lounge in Goppert Theatre. They have several couches, chairs, and tables that make it a relaxing and easy place to study.

Two other areas that have some comfy couches are Marian and Whitfield. They both have couches and chairs for you to sprawl out on. Marian even has a T. V. in case you need a quick break from all the hard work... or you just can’t miss your favorite show!

And don’t forget about the library and your dorm lounges. The library can offer you some great resources if you ever get stuck. Your dorm lounge can also do the same! Just like the saying, “Two minds are better than one.” Your friends can also be a big help when you are studying for a big final.

And finally, the Learning Center can be a resourceful place to study. They have tables and chairs for you to work at, and some great resource materials. It’s a big help to be studying

for math and have the solutions book right there to help you work out the problems. The Learning Center also has a couple of computers for you to work on. Whether you are writing your final paper or doing research for a final project, the Learning Center offers some much needed help!

So as you are sitting in your room, tapping your pencil in a book and unable to concentrate, think of the different places there are around campus to study. You never know, maybe a change of scenery is all you need to ace an exam. Good luck!

I Just Need Some Space to Study!

CheyAnnVolkman



CALENDAR

APRIL
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Avila Earth Day

Whitfield (meet in front lobby)

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

At 11 a.m. we will be planting flowers and picking up trash around campus (weather permitting).

“Lighten Up” Celebration the 22nd - 23rd

A wise and witty celebration of faith and family

6:47 p.m. Sharp!

St. Thomas More Church, Kansas City, MO

Featuring Doug Brummel and his cast of characters

APRIL
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Understanding Eating Disorders

Wellness Center, 722 Hodes

7:30p.m. - 8:30p.m.

Facilitator: Melissa Johansen B.A.

This group is designed to inform students on eating disorders.

For more information, contact:

Rolita West, Rolita.West@avila.edu or 816-501-3678
/or Melissa Johansen at johansenm158482@avila.edu

Kiss Me Kate 24th - 26th 8 p.m. 27th 2 p.m.

Free Workshop on Visioning Your Future

Whitfield

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Explore your values, interests, and dreams

Discover the potential within you

Experience a creative art therapy process

Provided by Avila University's Graduate Counseling and Art Therapy Program.

For more information and to reserve your seat contact:

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Honor's Banquet

6:30 p.m.

Marian Center Dining Hall

Academic Recognition and Honors Ceremony

5:00 p.m.

Maybee Fieldhouse

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Default Prevention Trivia Contest

The drawing for the next Default Prevention Trivia Contest

Stop by the Financial Aid Office and answer
the current question before the 30th.

The prizes will be \$50.00 QuikTrip cards for
each of the fifteen names that are drawn.

DE-STRESS YOURSELF

11:30a.m.-1:00p.m.

Outside the Dining Hall in Marian Centre

Enjoy some fun de-stressing activities and receive
information on ways to decrease stress
especially during finals week!

Presented by the Wellness Center: Carol Frevert, RN,
Director of Health Services

and Jennifer Forman-Wright, Clinical Counselor.

Part of Happy Hour: Thirsting for Knowledge

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FINALS WEEK

May 5-10